

detailed plans for action if the guerrilla force attacks the convoy. All personnel are entrucked in such a way that they can dismount rapidly into predrilled formations. Arms and ammunition are readied for immediate action, and vehicle commanders are responsible for keeping personnel alert.

■ Convoys may be escorted by reconnaissance aircraft or attack helicopters and may have tactical air support on call. The use of reconnaissance Army aircraft to survey routes immediately forward of a convoy often provides early warning of impending danger.

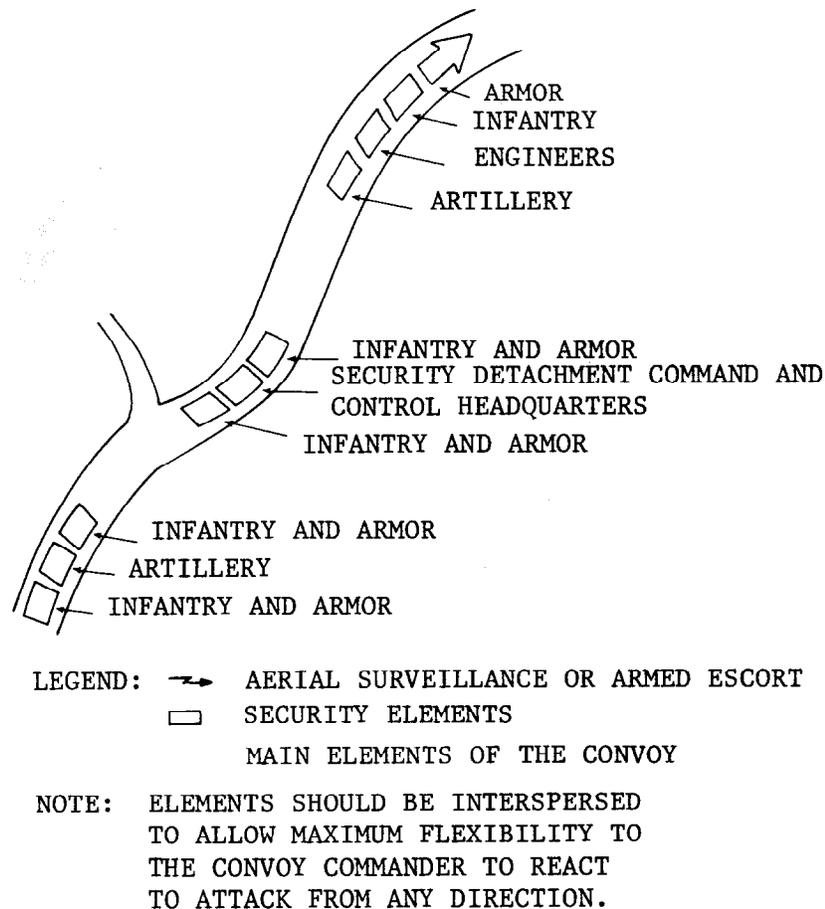


Figure 9-1. Convoy with a strong security detachment.

SECURITY OF A CONVOY WITH A STRONG SECURITY DETACHMENT (fig. 9-1). Special combined-arms teams may be organized and trained to accompany and protect convoys. The security detachment is organized with adequate combat power to counter guerrilla ambushes. Its size and composition will depend upon the physical characteristics of the area, the capability of the enemy force, and the size and composition of the convoy.